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Title: STABILIZED TRANSIENT GENE EXPRESSION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the section beginning at page 1, line 2, as follows:

**CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/629,770, filed July 31, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/093,449, filed June 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,146,847, which is a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/US97/19860, filed October 31, 1997, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/833,747, filed April 11, 1997, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/030,109, filed November 1, 1996. The benefit of priority of each of the foregoing applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 26-33 in their entireties.

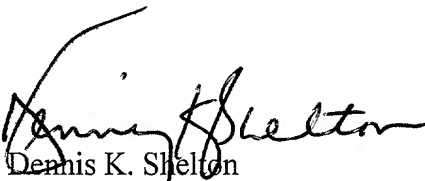
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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to update the reference to related applications and to cancel claims in the application. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is requested.

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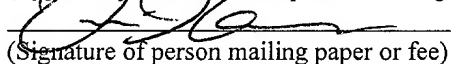
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